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1. DEPARTMENT IS PRESENTLY IN PROCESS OF PREPARING FOR NEXT ROUND OF LAW OF SEA NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING APPROACHES TO GOVERNMENTS PLAYING KEY ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS. CRITICAL AREA AT THIS POINT IS ISSUE OF EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEABEDS (COMMITTEE I). ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN COMMITTEE I, MOHAMED LAMINE ALOUANE, HAS BEEN LEADER OF OPPOSITION TO U.S. POSITION AND IS PERSONALLY VERY DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. WE HAVE LITTLE BACKGROUND ON ALOUANE. HOWEVER, GIVEN GENERAL TREND BY GOA TOWARD MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE IN CIEC AND ELSEWHERE ALOUANE'S ATTITUDE SEEMS CONFIDENTIAL.

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SOMEWHAT OF AN ANOMALY AND WE WONDER IF HE ACCURATELY REPRESENTS ALGERIAN POSITION IN ALL RESPECTS.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENT ON ALOUANE'S SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE WITH REGARD TO GOA ATTITUDE TOWARD LOS NEGOTIATIONS. DOES EMBASSY SEE ANY POSSIBILITY OF CIRCUMVENTING ALOUANE AND DEALING WITH MORE APPROACHABLE OFFICIALS IN

ORDER TO OPEN DIALOGUE WITH GOA ON DEEP SEABEDS QUESTION?
ANY OTHER EMBASSY COMMENTS REGARDING OVERALL U.S. APPROACE
TO GOA ON LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME.

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